MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Macon Baptist Church, Hale Co., Ala.,

October 17th, 18th and 19th, 1888.

OFFICERS.

J. P. HARRIS, Moderator.....Harrisburg, Ala.
A. J. IVIE, Clerk and Treasurer.....Folsom, "

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to Order by former Moderator.
2. Devotional Exercises, Conducted by Moderator.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Read Letters from the Churches.
5. Enroll Messengers.
6. Receive Applications for Membership.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
9. Receive Representatives of Education, Missions, and of Other Interests Fostered by the Association.
10. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
11. Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees.
12. Appoint Temporary Committees on Devotional Exercises, Letters and Documents, State of Religion in the Churches, and on Finance.
13. Report of Committees:
    - (1) On State Missions.
    - (2) On Home and Foreign Missions.
    - (3) On Education.
    - (4) On Sabbath Schools.
    - (5) On Temperance.
    - (6) On Aged and Infirm Ministers.
    - (7) On Denominational Literature.
    - (8) On other subjects.
14. Appoint Standing Committees.
15. The few minutes preceding the time for closing each session shall be devoted to miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

MACON, October 17, 1888.

The Cahaba Baptist Association convened in her seventy-first annual session with Macon church, Hale county, Ala., on Wednesday, October 17th, 1888.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. M. Bradley, from 2 Cor. 4:5, latter clause—subject: "For Jesus' sake,"—after which adjourned one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION—2 P. M.

Association called to order by former Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Bradley.

The letters being called for, were read by Brethren T. W. Hart and H. D. D. Straton, and the following brethren enrolled as delegates:

Bethel—J. P. Harris.
Concord--J. M. Waters.
Ephesus—Not represented.
Fellowship—E. D. Avery, J. T. Curb.
Friendship—J. B. Crow.
Harmony—A. J. Ivie.
Hepsibah—Not represented.
Hopewell—D. S. Hogue, C. M. James, A. M. Evans.
Macedonia—L. W. Ryan, W. R. Stivender.
Mars Hill—By letter.
Mt. Hebron—Not represented.
Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
Mt. Gilead—C. J. Stewart, T. D. Potts.
Mt. Zion—By letter.
Medline—Not represented.
Macon—C. W. Collins, J. T. Collins, J. I. Westbrook.
New Hope—J. R. Lawless, John S. Davis.
Newberne—J. W. Edmonds, D. W. Ward.
New Shiloh—W. T. Pierson, C. C. Cosby.
Ocmulgee—L. M. Bradley.
Oak Grove—E. S. White, W. P. McCollum.
Pine Flat—E. P. George, L. M. Bradley.
Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
Pisgah—By letter.
Siloam—H. D. D. Straton, J. E. Frazier, J. W. Hurt.
Union—H. T. Stringfellow, T. J. Kinnaird.
Uniontown—T. W. Hart.
Sardis—E. Tucker, D. Wigger.

On motion of Rev. T. W. Hart, the regular order of business

was suspended, and Bro. J. P. Harris unanimously re-elected Moderator by acclamation.

Under the same rule, Bro. A. J. Ivie was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the following brethren were received as corresponding messengers: W. B. Jackson, Bethel Association; J. H. Bassett, Pine Barren Association.

In response to a call from the Moderator, the following brethren volunteered to attend the next meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention: Dr. H. D. D. Straton, Revs. L. M. Bradley and T. W. Hart, and Brethren E. P. George, J. W. Edmunds, C. C. Cosby, J. T. Collins, W. B. Alexander, D. W. Ward and Dr. W. B. Jeffries.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator: On Devotional Exercises, the Deacons of Macon church and Brethren J. W. Edmunds and C. M. James; on Finance, D. S. Hogue, E. P. George and T. D. Potts.

Bro. C. W. Hare was received as a representative of the Alabama Baptist, and invited to a seat with us.

The report on Education was read by Dr. Straton, and referred to a special committee, consisting of L. M. Bradley, C. W. Collins and W. P. McCollum.

The report, or minutes, of the Cahaba Baptist Sunday School Convention was read, ordered abridged and printed in the Minutes of the Association. Rev. T. W. Hart and Bro. A. J. Ivie, committee on Abridgement.

Business suspended and song by Professor Bassett.

The committee on Devotional Services made a partial report: Preaching to-night at 8 o'clock.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Bro. W. T. Pierson. Pending the discussion of the report, a motion to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, prevailed.

Thursday Morning, 10 o'clock.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Straton. Bro. Daughdrill invited to a seat.

On motion, Bro. J. W. Elliott was received as corresponding messenger from Pine Barren Association.

The report on Denominational Literature was taken up, and, on motion, the discussion was suspended and the report of the special

committee on Education Report was read. After being ably discussed by Revs. L. M. Bradley, C. W. Hare and H. D. D. Straton, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The schools of the South were prosperous during the last year; and, with their prosperity, there was an improvement in the facilities for education, and provision was made by enterprising school officers for still more liberal things for the present session. An assistant instructor has been provided for Dr. Broadus, at the Seminary; a Professor of Modern Languages has been supplied to the Howard; and a teacher of elocution, now recognized as an integral part of the work, has been secured for the Judson.

The Seminary is leading all the Baptist schools of the South in numbers this session. It has 175 students in prospect.

The Howard had on the 12th inst. 100 students.

The Judson had on the same day 89 students, of whom 53 were boarders.

The excitement caused by the prevalence of yellow fever at several points on the railroads leading towards Marion, has retarded the entrance of many pupils that are still confidently expected, though it has turned some to other schools.

We think an exhortation to patronize our schools would be out of place here. They would be filled with pupils if the means to pay the cost of board and tuition could be provided. We would rather ask our brethren to sustain their teachers in an effort to do good work. Do not require of the teacher in your neighborhood school, who has all the children to teach the very elements of knowledge, that he should do an impossibility, and instruct them in branches of study that can be learned only by men and women, who have some ripeness of thought, and some of that strength of mind that is the outcome of the discipline, training and instruction of the high schools and colleges.

Let the natural sciences be taught where there is apparatus to illustrate the text-books; let the science of the mind have for students men and women who have been developed by the course of mathematics and the languages, and for teachers, persons who have time to study, not only the text-books, but methods by which abstract truths can be most readily imparted to their pupils; let the district school have its curriculum and do its work in the best possible manner, and the high school and college theirs; and let the people not do their children a serious wrong, and make their schools fraudulent institutions, by requiring of them what the teachers have not the facilities for teaching, and what their pupils can not learn.

Help your teachers to do good work by your moral and material support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. Averett, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

We, your committee, are glad to say we are highly pleased with the report on Education, and think the subject well worthy of thoughtful consideration; and would suggest, that not only do we have a report on education, but that its universal duty be set forth.

We would recommend that our people see to it, that every possible means be used to fill our Theological Seminary, our colleges and our schools with pupils, and a liberal support be given our teachers.

And we would call special attention to our District or High schools,

which are important factors, not only in laying the foundation for a college or seminary course, but in many instances furnishing a thorough business education.

We would mention that the Marion Military Institute, under the leadership of Col. J. T. Murfee, LL.D., one of the finest educators and disciplinarians in the South, as being a school second to none for the training of boys and young men.

We would also impress upon our people in the country the importance of building up and supporting a good school in every community, and to have them under the very best moral and Baptist influences.

And that the churches composing this Association be requested to take a collection for ministerial education and forward to G. W. Ellis, Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Bradley,
W. P. McCollum,
C. W. Collins,
Committee.

On motion of L. M. Bradley, the monies collected by the churches for Ministerial Education be forwarded to Bro. Geo. W. Ellis, at Montgomery.

The hour having arrived for preaching the Missionary Sermon, Rev. T. W. Hart preached a forcible sermon from 1 Tim. 6 20, "Keep that which is committed to thy trust." After which a collection for missions was taken, amounting to $15.10.

The report on Denominational Literature was then taken up and discussed by Rev. C. W. Hare in an impressive, comprehensive speech, setting forth the necessity of reading matter of a high moral character. Pending its adoption the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 o'clock. Association called to order. Prayer by L. M. Bradley.

Brethren I. A. White and J. B. Perkins received as corresponding messengers of Bethel Association.

Report on Denominational Literature was adopted.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your committee on Denominational Literature beg leave to report:

We would recommend that Baptist literature be offered to our people at the least possible cost; and in that event would insist on every Baptist family in the State reading the Alabama Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field; and that our Sabbath-schools use either Kind Words or the American Baptist Society's publications.

We believe that our people need to read something that will instruct and strengthen them in Baptist faith and doctrines; especially, the youth in our midst; and would recommend the purchase and reading of such books as will lead to that end.

We would further recommend, above all other books, a careful and constant reading of the Holy Bible; from the pages of which we learn our Father's will concerning us, and the best reasons for our faith and doctrines. But in the purchase of this book we would caution our people against buying Bibles, whose pictures and illustrations represent things that we, as Christians, neither practice nor believe.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. PIERSON.

Report on Home Missions was read by J. W. Edmunds.

Report on Foreign Missions read by L. M. Bradley.

On motion of Rev. T. W. Hart, the reports on Home and Foreign missions were received, and after earnest appeals to the churches to rally to the work, from Revs. H. D. D. Straton, W. J. Elliott, I A. White, L. M. Bradley and C. W. Hare, were adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report: We rejoice that we can say to this Association that the work of the Foreign Board in the past has, under Divine favor, been an encouraging work, well calculated to inspire every heart in the great Baptist family with renewed zeal and energy and bright hopes for the future.

The Lord is most assuredly guiding his people in the evangelization of the world. Notwithstanding the extensive field and ever increasing responsibilities, the brethren to whom this work was intrusted have gone forward, and with an abiding faith in God, and with a firm reliance on the fidelity of his people, there has been no delinquency, but a steady move all along the line of duty.

We are glad to report cheering news from all our foreign fields—Africa, Brazil, China, Italy and Mexico—the gospel of peace is being preached in many parts of these countries by our noble missionaries, and the work of the Lord is greatly prospering in their hands.

While some of these heroes have fallen at the post of duty, God has reared up others for the work, and they have gone to the harvest fields, and through the bitter opposition to the Christian religion, there are thirty times as many conversions in the foreign field as at home in proportion to the number of ministers. But still ninety-eight per cent of the money given to the support of the gospel is spent at home, while only two per cent is expended in the foreign field.

Now all will admit that we have not yet given half what we should have given to the cause of Christ. And why so little of the small sum given to a cause so important, so expensive? Well, the question is with so many of our people, Will the heathen be saved without the gospel? No. For we learn from the pen of inspiration: "And as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law." "These having no law are a law unto themselves." "For neither is there any other name under heaven that is given among men whereby we must be saved." "And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" And if they would be saved without the gospel, brethren, duty is ours; results belong to God.

We sometimes find people professing a willingness to support the gospel at home, but opposed to sending it abroad. But, brethren, whence came your commission? What is its extent; where is its bounds?

Listen to the positive command of Christ though given nearly nineteen hundred years ago it has lost nothing of its obligation, but has only gathered force as the years come and go: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And again we have Christ's farewell address to his disciples just before he ascended to his Father's presence and sat down on his mediatorial throne: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and Judea, and in all Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This declaration does not only disclose the imperative duty that each and all should be missionaries, but that each and all should be missionaries to the whole world.

We learn from Bro. Crumpton's report to the Baptist State Convention that our contributions to all Foreign Missions last year were only $3,913.59, a falling off from the year before of $122.16. Why this retrogression when the number of contributors have increased and the demands greater than ever before? We think it is largely for the want of system. We would recommend systematic giving. Brethren, let's preach it; let's practice it. "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered."

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Bradley, Ch'n.

Again we recommend that a committee be appointed to apportion the amount to the various churches asked for by the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Bradley, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred this subject, beg leave to report: From information gained we learn that this glorious agency is pressing forward and possessing new fields. Turn your eyes and look upon the fields already white for the harvest—Cuba, Mexico, New Orleans and other priest-ridden countries and centres of population comparatively destitute of gospel light and liberty—and realize, if possible, that every part of land unoccupied by Baptists is missionary ground which our Lord is calling us to go in and possess To do this successfully requires money and men. The work of this Board is an intensely interesting one. It is now doing a great and growing work, which demands increased liberality upon us as Baptists to enable it to meet the demands upon it in carrying forward the great work of faith and labor of love committed to its hands. Let us open our hearts and hands to comply with this request, while we pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth the properly qualified laborers to do the work. Brethren, past success and future prospects should encourage our hearts and inspire them with the hope and desire of doing for our Master.

It is desired that the churches of this Association adopt the plan of the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board for city and country churches in securing contributions for the various enterprises that the denomination is fostering.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Edmunds, Ch'n.

The committee on Letters and Documents made a partial report, asking that the request of Harmony church for aid be complied with, and that a collection be taken for them; which being done, amounted to $39.50 cash, and $3 subscription.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th.

10 A. M. The Association convened, with prayer by L. M. Bradley.

Minutes of last day read and approved.

The report on Temperance was called for, read by T. W. Hart, and laid on the table for one hour.

The report on State Missions was read by Dr. Straton and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The success which has attended the work of the State Mission Board for the past year is a cause of devout thanksgiving to God. The Secretary of the board has labored with great zeal and fidelity, and has achieved such results as to evoke our gratitude and admiration. Besides his constant traveling, visits to associations, preaching and personal appeals, he has prepared and scattered far and wide a printed supplement to the Alabama Baptist on mission work in the State, which is a marvel of good sense, inspiring suggestions and condensed information. His catechism, covering every possible point on which information is demanded, ought to be read and studied by every Baptist in the State. By reference to this supplement we find that much is being done to evangelize our State. The destitution, however, is great and growing in proportion to the progress made in material development, and the increasing growth of many of our cities. The whole number of missionaries employed for all or part of their time is seventy-six. The number now at work is fifty-two. They have baptized 363 during the year, constituted eighteen churches and organized 247 Sunday schools. The amount of money received by the board last year was $8,183 76. To prosecute the work for the current year the board needs $15,000. We are satisfied that this amount can be easily raised if all our pastors would faithfully and frequently present the claims of the board to their churches. This Association has, we suppose, considering our number, done as well and given as largely as any other in the State, but how much more we could do, how much more we ought to do, when we remember how richly God has blessed us in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and how abundantly he has poured out his material blessings upon us. Let us as an Association rise this year much nearer to the measure of our responsibilities; and as those to whom our Divine Master has committed the preservation and defence of his ordinances in their original integrity, let us so labor that he will smile with approval on our work, and at last crown us as his faithful servants.

H. D. D. STRATON.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Straton, and after discussion, was adopted:

Whereas, At the Baptist State Convention, held at Talladega last July, a committee was appointed consisting of Rev. M. H. Lane as chairman, and Rev. G. A. Nunnally as secretary, providing for the more efficient prosecution of the work of church building in the destitute portions of our State; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association heartily approve and commend to all our churches this most worthy object of Christian beneficence; and that we pledge ourselves, by every effort through money and personal labor, to a cordial support of all plans calculated to bring so laudable a scheme to a successful consummation. H. D. D. STRATON.

The following resolution by Bro. Bradley was adopted:

Resolved, That a fifth Sunday meeting be held with Pisgah church, beginning Friday, April 27, 1889, and continuing three days, and that a committee consisting of Breth. H. D. D. Straton, J. H. Huff, J. B. Lovelace and L. M. Bradley be appointed to arrange a program for the meeting and publish it in the Alabama Baptist.

The report on Apportionments was read, amended and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee on Apportionments for Missions and other purposes to the various churches, beg leave to report the following:

Bethel	$ 25 00
Concord	25 00
Ephesus	20 00
Fellowship	22 00
Friendship	22 00
Harmony	12 00
Hepsibah	20 00
Hopewell	50 00
Macedonia	20 00
Mars Hill	12 00
Mt. Hebron	12 00
Mt Gilead	32 00
Mt. Zion	32 00
Macon	90 00
New Hope	25 00
Newberne	45 00
New Shiloh	20 00
Ocmulgee	35 00
Oak Grove	35 00
Pine Flat	45 00
Pisgah	35 00
Siloam	400 00
Sardis	15 00
Union	25 00
Uniontown	100 00
Medline	10 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00
Pleasant Hill	15 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HOGUE,
C. C. COSBY,
W. T. PIERSON.

Report on the State of Religion in the churches was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The religious state of the churches is not as encouraging as we would desire to see, still they seem to have the unity of the Spirit in the bonds

of peace, and some progress is reported by most of the churches, but the contributions are not near what they should be. Hence we urge the churches to be more liberal in their contribution to the various enterprises fostered by the Association, as there is an increased demand for missionaries and money, and urge all churches to send full delegations to our Association.

Respectfully submitted,
H. T. STRINGFELLOW, Ch'n.

Report of Treasurer read and received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. J. IVIE, Treasurer,
In account with the Cahaba Association:

Oct. 15, 1887. DR.

To amount received of Finance Committee			$160 50
by Missionary collection		13 45	
for Mt. Hebron church		8 10	
from Mt. Zion church		16 50	—$198 55

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By amount paid W. B. Crumpton		$136 75
for printing minutes		25 40
former Clerk		1 00
W. B. Crumpton from Mt. Zion		15 00
for stationery and postage		5 40
present Clerk		15 00
Total		$198 55

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. IVIE, Treasurer.

On motion of Dr. Straton the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association be paid $15 for his services, and that the balance of the money be appropriated to printing and distributing minutes.

The report on nominations was read, discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations beg leave to report:

We would recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with Hopewell church, in Perry county, Wednesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1889.

Introductory Sermon by L. M. Bradley. Alternate, T. W. Hart.

Missionary Sermon, Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M., by H. D. D. Straton; alternate, S. M. Adams.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. WATERS,
E. S. WHITE,
H. T. STRINGFELLOW.

The Report on Temperance, was re-read and discussed by Bro. J. T. Collins, Dr. Straton and others, and adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The use of this term has been restricted, so that in its application the reference is almost exclusively to the use of intoxicating drinks. No

one who observes the state of society, can fail to see the necessity of the most rigid discipline in the use of intoxicating drinks.

Its evil has been seen and felt, not only since the process of distillation was discovered, but ever since man learned to extract the juice of the grape. Time is too short to tell of the amount of its evil in this world. Eternity alone will fully develop its evil. We know, however, that it destroys the peace, fortune, character, health, body and soul of man. What more could it do? What more could the combined evil influences of the world do?

Through all the past ages, the question has been, What is the antidote for this great evil and enemy of our race? It seems that temperance lectures, temperance organizations, legislative enactments, and all the combined efforts of the ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ have not been sufficient to stop the great evil. Still the question is, What shall be done?

We are unable to answer. We believe that the most that can be done to stay its tide of ruin, will be with the young, who have not yet contracted the evil habit. Temperate young men, we appeal to you. If you would be safe, touch not. Think not that you may indulge with safety. We appeal to all lovers of peace and prosperity, of purity and virtue, to do all that can be done to save the temperate and restore the inebriate.

Our heart's desire and prayer to God is, that we may see the day when we, as Baptists, can each say: I have been made a new creature in Christ Jesus; my name has been written in the book of eternal life; therefore, I cannot touch it.

WM. O. PERRY.

The report on letters and documents was read and adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on letters and documents beg leave to make the following report: After reading the letters over carefully, we find no queries or question propounded to this body. We find, on reading the letter from Harmony, that they are in need of funds to complete their church building.

We find no letters from the following churches: Ephesus, Hepsibah, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Pleasant, Medline.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. WARD, Ch'n.

The report of the Finance committee was read, discussed and adopted.

Rev. L. M. Bradley reported for committee on aged and infirm ministers a fund of thirty dollars, the interest only of which was originally intended to be used.

On motion, said fund was ordered to be divided between Revs. Oliver Steven and Carter Tubbs.

Breth. J. T. Curb and J. R. Lawless were appointed a committee to receive this amount and pay the same to these "old soldiers of the cross."

The Moderator then appointed the following standing committees:

State Missions—Rev. W. B. Crumpton, N. H. Thompson, W. T. Pierson.

Home Missions—Rev. A. M. Perry, J. N. C. Browne, J. T. Curb.

Foreign Missions—Rev. T. W. Hart, D. W. Ward, W. R. Stivender.

Woman's Work—Rev. L. M. Bradley, W. W. Smith, Sample Huey.

Education—Col. A. F. Redd, B. F. Garrison, J. C. Suttle.

Denominational Literature—Rev. S. M. Adams, Seaborn Fuller, J. T. Collins.

Temperance—Rev. W. A. Bishop, R. P. McCollough, J. L. Curb.

Sunday Schools—W. B. Alexander, J. F. Thompson, C. J. Stewart.

State of Religion in Churches—Rev. J. B. Poole, J. W. Edmunds, Wm. Price.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. Bradley and adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for their kind hospitality to the delegates and visitors during this session.

Motion being made to adjourn, after singing "Sweet Bye and Bye," and following Rev. H. D. D. Straton in prayer, the Association adjourned to meet with Hopewell Baptist church Perry county, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1889.

J. P. HARRIS, Moderator.

A. J. IVIE, Clerk.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Church Building.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Foreign Mission Vouchers.	Total Vouchers.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Bethel	$	$	$	$ 2 60	$	$ 1 50	$	$	$ 2 90	$ 7 00	$	$	$
Concord				3 26		2 00	1 00		7 00	13 26			
Ephesus													
Fellowship				9 40		2 50			2 60	14 50			
Friendship				7 50		1 50	1 00			10 00			
Harmony	1 25			2 00		1 00			2 25	6 50			
Hepsibah													
Hopewell						1 00			54 56	55 56			
Macedonia	2 00		3 00	4 00		1 35				10 35			
Mars Hill						1 60				1 60			
Mt. Hebron													
Mt. Pleasant													
Mt. Gilead				6 50		1 25				7 75			
Mt. Zion	10 00			10 00		1 50				21 50	150 00		
Medline													
Macon			15 00		10 00	1 50			25 00	51 50			
New Hope	3 00		4 00	3 00		2 00				12 00			
Newberne						2 00			16 90	18 90			
Ocmulgee	1 92		1 92	5 96		2 50				12 30			
Oak Grove				6 00		1 25				7 25			
Pine Flat				20 30		2 00	1 00		35 41	58 71			
Pleasant Hill													
Pisgah						3 00			15 00	18 00			
Siloam						5 00			351 20	356 20	1 500 00	800 00	8000 00
Sardis						1 00	50			1 50			
New Shiloh				5 35		1 00	1 00		6 20	13 55			
Uniontown			3 00	3 00		2 00		15 00	40 00	63 00			
Union				2 00	2 00	1 50			6 50	12 00			
Collections at Asso.	4 10	39 50	4 00	7 00					565 53	54 60			
Total	$22 27	$39 50	$30 92	$79 87	$12 00	$39 95	$ 4 50	$15 00	$ 565 53	$ 927 53	$ 1 650 00	$ 800 00	$ 800 00

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1888.

Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Clerk's P. O.	Superintendents.	Post Office.	Membership last Reported.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	No. copies Religous Papers Taken.	No. of S. Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	S. S. Papers Taken.	Number of Months in Session.	School Expenses.	S. S. Collections.
Bethel	Bibb	W. A. Bishop	J. P. Harris	Harrisburg	N. H. Thompson	Centreville	51	1	..	..	..	..	1	57	....	1	5	42	..	....	.....	.....
Concord	Perry	A. M. Perry	R. N. Edwards	Perryville	W. R. Hanson	Perryville	112	..	..	..	1	..	1	110	....	1	4	40	..	.	....	.....
Ephesus	"	A. M. Perry	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	...	...	..	....	.....	.....
Fellowship	"	W. A. Bishop	J. A. Gray	Morgan Springs.	Allan Rayfield.	Brush Creek	154	2	1	..	7	..	1	149	6	2	8	40	30	12	.....	8 70
Friendship	"	S. M. Adams	J. B. Crow	Oakmulgee	.....	.....	94	..	3	..	4	6	1	86	....	..	....	....	..	....	. ....	.....
Harmony	"	.....	A. J. Ivie	Folsom	A. J. Ivie	Folsom	12	..	1	.	..	..	..	13	..	..	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
Hepsibah	"	A. M. Perry	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Hopewell	"	.....	I. U. Tubb	Scott's Station	A. M. Evans	Folsom	64	..	.	.	2	..	3	58	..	1	13	33	..	12	16 40	71 05
Macedonia	Hale	J. M. Payne	W. R. Stivender	Havana	W. R. Stivender	Havana	49	8	..	1	1	..	..	57	...	1	5	30	..	....	.....	4 00
Mar's Hill	Perry	J. B. Poole	A. P. Ford	Marion	S. H. Ford	Marion	74	18	1	1	11	1	6	76	..	1	...	....	..	....	....	.....
Mt. Hebron	Hale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	.. ....	....
Mt. Pleasant	"	W. A. Bishop	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	Bibb	S. M. Adams	W. T. McCraw	Abercrombie	.....	.....	76	..	..	..	7	..	1	68	....	..	....	...	..	....	.....	... .
Mt. Zion	"	D. C. Culbreth	J. N. C. Brown	.....	J. N. C. Brown	Centreville	54	3	..	..	..	..	1	56	...	1	...	....	..	...	.....	... .
Medline	Perry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Macon	Hale	T. W. Hart	J. P. Harris	Gallion	J. T. Collins	Gallion	27	..	.	.	.	1	..	26	....	1	5	40	..	6	30 00	... .
New Hope	"	J. M. Payne	John S. Davis	Five Mile	Jas. S. Davis	Five Mile	75	7	7	..	1	..	1	87	....	1	5	45	..	...	2 70	.....
Newberne	"	T. W. Hart	J. E. Walker	Newberne	J. E. Walker	Newberne	34	..	6	..	7	.	1	32	. ..	1	7	31	..	....	10 00	... .
New Shiloh	Perry	.....	W. T. Pierson	Perryville	.....	.....	31	..	3	..	2	..	..	32	..	1	7	32	.	....	.....	.....
Oakmulgee	"	L. M. Bradley	J. A. Weaver	Selma	C. C. Smith	Felix	78	1	2	..	2	..	1	78	....	1	. ..	....	..	..	. . ....	... .
Oak Grove	Dallas	.....	J. W. McCollum	Harrell's X Roads	.....	.....	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	....	...	..	...	.....	.....
Fine Flat	Perry	L. M. Bradley	R. P. McCollough	Felix	J. M. McCollough	Felix	79	..	..	..	5	6	..	68	....	1	7	50	..	....	7 05	21 50
Pleasant Hill	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Pisgah	"	L. M. Bradley	W W. Smith	Perryville	W. W. Smith	Perryville	112	1	4	..	1	..	..	107	...	1	6	45	..	..	3 00	.....
Siloam	"	H. D. D. Straton	W. H. Lovelace	Marion	Porter King	Marion	329	26	9	..	33	..	5	327	....	1	24	145	..	12	15 40	... .
Sardis	"	J. R. Wiggins	R. S. Tubb	Ironville	John Tucker	Ironville	56	3	1	..	2	..	1	57	....	1	5	40	.	....	. .....	....
Uniontown	"	T. W. Hart	Orpha Woodfin	Uniontown	.....	.....	43	15	15	..	1	..	3	69	....	1	9	58	..	....	17 40	91 34
Union	Hale	W. A. Bishop	H. T. Stringfellow	Greensboro	T. J Kinnaird	Greensboro	80	4	..	..	4	6	3	71	6	1	4	15	13	....	2 05	2 60
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	1719	89	53	2	91	20	30	1707	12	19	114	686	43	42	$ 104 00	$ 199 19

MINUTES

—OF—

Cahaba Baptist S. S. Convention.

The first session of the Cahaba Baptist Sunday-school Convention convened with Fellowship church July 27, 1888.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Apsey.

Bro. J. P. Harris was elected President, and J. M. McCollough, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following churches reported Sunday-schools: Bethel, Concord, Fellowship, Harmony, Hopewell, Macedonia, Mars Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Macon, New Hope, Oakmulgee, Pine Flat, Sardis, Union, Uniontown.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats, and Bro. Apsey was recognized from the Bigbee Association, Bro. Bassett from the Pine Barren Association, and Bro. Lowery from the Tuscaloosa Association.

The first subject, "The Sabbath-school, What It Is and What It Should Be," was opened by Rev. J. W. Haggard and discussed by Brethren Thompson, Apsey, Perry and Hart.

SATURDAY—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Devotional exercises by Brethren Haggard and Bassett.

The second subject, "Influence of Home Training on the Sabbath-school," was opened by Rev. A. M. Perry, and discussed by Brethren Apsey and Crumpton.

An essay on "The Power of Influence," by Miss Amie Vary, elicited the commendation of all present, who was requested to furnish a copy to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

An interesting essay on the second subject, "Impressions of Childhood," by Mrs. Emma Williams, was read and recommended for publication.

The third subject, "How May a More General Interest in Sabbath-schools be Developed in the Churches?" was opened by Bro. N. H. Thompson, and discussed by Brethren Crumpton, Smith and others.

The following committee on Programme for Next Meeting was appointed: L. M. Bradley, W. B. Alexander, W. W. Smith and J. M. McCollough.

SUNDAY—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

A "Model Sunday-school" was conducted by Rev. W. B. Crumpton in his own ingenious way of making everything he attempts a success.

The Missionary Sermon, by Rev. T. W. Hart, was responded to by a contribution of $15.85.

The Childrens' Meeting, at 2 P. M., was conducted by Rev. J. G. Apsey in an instructive, comprehensive blackboard exercise and lecture.

A resolution of thanks was tendered the church and community for their hospitality, and Prof. Bassett for his kindness.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported the following:

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cababa Baptist Sunday-school Convention.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to organize Sunday-schools within the bounds of said Association and co-operate with the Alabama State Baptist Sunday-school Convention.

ART. 3. It shall be composed of such members as the various Baptist Sunday-schools and churches within its bounds shall annually elect. Every Baptist Sunday-school having a permanent organization shall be entitled to three delegates, and every Baptist church where there is no Sunday-school to two delegates.

ART. 4. The officers shall be a President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall discharge the duties usual to such offices until their successors shall have been elected.

ART. 5. This Convention shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall from time to time be appointed.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Parliamentary rules applicable to deliberation assemblies shall govern this Convention while in session. This Convention shall elect, annually, delegates to the haba Baptist Association and to the Baptist State Sunday-school Convention.

ART. 7. All Baptist ministers in good standing, residing in the bounds of this Convention, who may be present at any annual meeting, shall be *ex-officio* members of this Convention, and any such who may attend the annual meeting of the State Sunday-school Convention shall be delegates thereto from this body.

ART. 8. Officers of this Convention shall be elected annually by ballot of the members present, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. HART, Ch'n.

There being no other business, the Convention adjourned to meet at Pine Flat church on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1889.

J. P. HARRIS, President.

J. M. MCCOLLOUGH, Secretary.

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